REMARKS

Claims 27-42 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-26 have been canceled and Claims 27-42 have been added. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of new Claims 27-42 in view of the following remarks.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. §119

In the Office Action mailed May 6, 2005, it was indicated that "some" of the claim for foreign priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or (f) is acknowledged. The present application is a 371 of PCT/JP01/05493 filed on June 27, 2001, which takes priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-196847 filed June 29, 2000. In the Request filed to begin the PCT phase, the Japanese Receiving Office was authorized to prepare and transmit a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-196847 to the International Bureau. Thus Applicant is not aware of any outstanding requirements and respectfully request that "all" of the claims of foreign priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(b) be acknowledged, or that the reasoning behind only "some" of the priority being acknowledged is explained.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 1-26 were rejected pursuant to 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,446,043 to Matsumoto et al. (hereafter "Matsumoto"). Claims 1-26 have been canceled and this rejection is now moot. With regard to new Claims 27-42. None of the cited prior art, either alone or in combination teaches, suggests or discloses the limitations described in the claims.

New Claim 27 describes a method of enabling a communication terminal to receive communication services via a network. The method includes requesting a communication parameter from a server with a communication terminal via a mobile phone connected to the communication terminal, and notifying the server of a telephone number allotted to the mobile phone used by the communication terminal to request the communication parameter. In addition, the method describes the server extracting from a plurality of communication

parameters, each of which is stored in association with a telephone number, a communication parameter stored in association with the notified telephone number. The method further describes transmitting the extracted communication parameter from the server to the communication terminal, receiving at the communication terminal via the mobile phone the communication parameter transmitted from the server, and setting communication software stored in the communication terminal to the received communication parameter to enable receipt by the communication terminal of communication services via a network.

In contrast, Matsumoto teaches a system that includes a server and a sensor. (Col. 4 lines 35-39 and Fig. 1) The sensor detects an ID badge of a user in proximity to the sensor and transmits identification of the detected badge to the server. (Col. 4 lines 48-51) The identification from the detected badge and the location of the sensor are used to assign a location to the user who owns the identification badge, and store the location in association with the user. (Col. 4 lines 52-57) The identification of the user is called a directory name and is used by the system as a "search key" to search for directory information of the user. (Col. 5 lines 15-20) The directory information includes personal information (age, sex, etc.) and communication parameters (a mail address, a telephone number, a facsimile number, etc.). (Col. 6 lines 15-19, lines 22-25 and Fig. 8) The system also allows a user to enter his schedule information. (Col. 6 lines 66-67)

A user of the system taught by Matsumoto enters a specific location and a specific time as search parameters to identify other users in the specified location during the specified time. (Col. 7 lines 26-29 and Fig. 13) In response to the search parameters, the system returns the identity of the users at the specified location during the time period specified, and provides communication parameters (a mail address, a telephone number, a facsimile number, etc.) to enable communication with the identified users. (Col. 7 lines 32-37)

Clearly, Matsumoto does not teach setting communication software stored in a communication terminal to a received communication parameter to enable receipt by the communication terminal of communication services via a network as described in Claim 27. In contrast, as previously discussed, Matsumoto teaches enabling communication between individual devices by providing contact information such as a telephone number or a mail

address. In addition, Matsumoto fails to teach notifying a server of a telephone number allotted to a mobile phone used by a communication terminal to request the communication parameters as also described in Claim 27. Further, Matsumoto does not teach a server that extracts a communication parameter stored in association with the notified telephone number as described in Claim 27.

New Claim 33 describes a method of enabling a communication terminal to receive communication services via a network. The method includes a communication terminal requesting with a communication device connected to the communication terminal, a communication parameter. The communication parameter is requested from a server. The method also includes notifying the server of an identifier allotted to the communication device that is used by the communication terminal to request the communication parameter. In addition, the method includes the server extracting from a plurality of communication parameters, each of which is stored in association with an identifier of a communication device, a communication parameter stored in association with the notified identifier and transmitting the extracted communication parameter from the server to the communication terminal. Receiving, the communication parameter transmitted from the server at the communication terminal via the communication device, and setting communication software stored in the communication terminal to the received communication parameter to enable receipt by the communication terminal of communication services via a network is also included in the method.

Matsumoto does not teach setting communication software stored in the communication terminal to the received communication parameter to enable receipt by the communication terminal of communication services via a network as described in Claim 33. Instead, Matsumoto teaches providing communication parameters indicating contact information to be used to communicate between one user and another user, such as a telephone number or a mail address, as previously discussed. Matsumoto also does not teach notifying a server of an identifier of a communication device that is used by a communication terminal to request a communication parameter as also described in Claim 33. In addition, Matsumoto does not teach a server extracting a communication parameter stored in association with the notified identifier, and

transmitting the extracted communication parameter from the server to the communication terminal as also described in Claim 33.

New Claim 34 describes a server for enabling a communication terminal to receive communication services via a network. The server includes a storing unit configured to store a plurality of combinations of a communication parameter and a telephone number of a mobile phone. The server also includes a receiving unit configured to receive, from a communication terminal, a request for a communication parameter and a telephone number allotted to a mobile phone to be used by the communication terminal to transmit the request. In addition, the server includes an extracting unit configured to extract, from the storing unit, a communication parameter corresponding to the telephone number received by the receiving unit, and a transmitting unit configured to transmit the extracted communication parameter for receipt by the communication terminal.

Matsumoto does not teach a receiving unit configured to receive a request for a communication parameter and a telephone number allotted to a mobile phone to be used by a communication terminal to transmit a request as described in Claim 34. To the contrary, Matsumoto teaches a server that receives a search request that includes a geographic location and a time period, as previously discussed. In addition, Matsumoto does not teach an extracting unit configured to extract a communication parameter corresponding to the telephone number received, and a transmitting unit configured to transmit the extracted communication parameter for receipt by the communication terminal as further described in Claim 34.

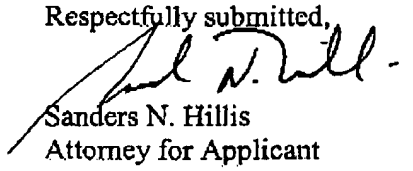
New Claim 42 describes a server for enabling a communication terminal to receive communication services via a network. The server includes a storing unit operable to store a plurality of combinations of a communication parameter and an identifier of a communication device. The server also includes a receiving unit operable to receive, from the communication terminal, a request for a communication parameter and an identifier allotted to a communication device useable by the communication terminal to transmit the request for the communication parameter. In addition, the server includes an extracting unit operable to extract, from a plurality of communication parameters stored in the storing unit, a communication parameter corresponding to the identifier received by the receiving unit, and a transmitting unit operable to

transmit the extracted communication parameter to the communication terminal. The communication parameter is useable by the communication terminal to enable receipt of communication services by the communication terminal via a network.

Matsumoto, on the other hand, fails to teach a transmitting unit operable to transmit a communication parameter that is useable by a communication terminal to enable receipt of communication services by the communication terminal via a network. In addition, Matsumoto does not teach a server that includes a receiving unit operable to receive, from the communication terminal, a request for a communication parameter and an identifier allotted to a communication device useable by the communication terminal to transmit the request for a communication parameter as also described in Claim 42. Further, Matsumoto fails to teach an extracting unit operable to transmit a communication parameter corresponding to the identifier as further described in Claim 42.

For at least the previously discussed reasons, Matsumoto nor any other cited prior art references, either alone or in combination, teach, suggest, or disclose each and every limitation described in Claims 27, 33, 34 and 42. In addition, Claims 28-32 and 35-41 depend from independent Claims 27 and 34, respectively, and therefore each and every limitation of these Claims is also not taught, suggested or disclosed by the cited prior art for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, the presently pending claims of this application are allowable over the cited prior art, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to so find and issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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